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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/11/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/04/04
BRO-FRY	153,951	175,449
LT HENS	1,206	1,453
HVY HENS	1,317	1,557

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 04-Sep-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	167	0	167
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	329	0	329
SAME WEEK YR AGO	103	0	103
TO-DATE/2004	8,304	91	8,395
TO-DATE/2003	8,459	118	8,577

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,631	1,571	3,202
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,625	1,571	3,196
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,083	1,378	2,461
TO-DATE/2004	55,995	46,785	102,780
TO-DATE/2003	61,433	49,023	110,456

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 04-Sep-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	167,764	1,464	1,571	3,035
AVG WT	5.16	3.35	8.08	5.80
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	164,670	1,296	1,571	2,867
SAME WK YR AGO	137,041	980	1,378	2,358
AVG WT	5.15	3.33	7.83	5.96
TO-DATE/2004	5,479,282	47,691	46,694	94,385
TO-DATE/2003	5,381,911	52,974	48,905	101,879

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 169.8 million head or 5.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 28-Aug-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	26,593	17,949	52,920
Avg Weight	3.80	4.70	6.26
% of total /1	27%	18%	54%
Last week	30,730	17,452	52,672
Avg Weight	3.60	4.69	6.27
% of total /1	30%	17%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	12,599	31,103	35,944
Avg Weight	3.60	4.69	6.02
% of total /1	16%	39%	45%
To date/2004	904,829	735,645	1,544,592
To date/2003	806,357	804,319	1,529,379

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-Sep-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,827	2,716	54	0	4,597
AVG WT	15.68	34.80	23.63	0.00	27.31
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,878	2,750	49	14	4,691
SAME WK YR AGO	1,670	2,356	41	22	4,089
AVG WT	15.40	34.38	22.05	27.87	26.47
TO-DATE/2004	60,786	89,148	1,765	266	151,965
TO-DATE/2003	65,508	95,304	2,227	500	163,539

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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